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In re the application of

Inventor: Grubski, V. et al.

Serial No: 10/073,425

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USING CLADDING-MODE
ASSISTED COUPLING

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Group Art Unit: 2874

Docket No.: STADM-60980

February 6, 2003

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension for filing a reply in the above-identified application. Applicant's response is submitted herewith. The requisite fee of \$55 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed herewith.

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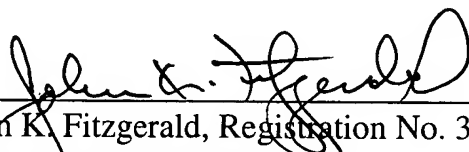
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Respectfully submitted,

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